

a control section controlling operation of said memory and said operation section;
and

a data memory storing identification data for individually specifying said bar-code reader, said identification data being added to said bar-code data read from said bar-code.

7. (New) The bar-code reader according to claim 6, wherein said bar-code is a micro bar-code a thinnest black bar of which being approximately 100 μ m in width.

8. (New) A system for gathering information comprising:

at least one bar-code reader according to claim 6 connected to a terminal enabling communication with a communication network;

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a host computer connected to said communication network, receiving said bar-code data with said identification data transmitted from said terminal via said communication network; and

a storage provided in said host computer receiving said bar-code data with said identification data transmitted from said terminal and accumulating said bar-code data with said identification data therein.

9. (New) The system for gathering information according to claim 8 further comprising at least one local terminal connected to said communication network for receiving said bar-code data with said identification data accumulated in said storage in said host computer through said communication network.

10. (New) The system for gathering information according to claim 8, wherein said bar-code is a micro bar-code a thinnest black bar of which being approximately 100 μ m in width.

11. (New) A method of processing a bar-code, comprising:

reading said bar-code by a bar-code reader;

converting said bar-code having been read into bar-code data by a controller in said bar-code reader;

storing said bar-code data in a memory in said bar-code reader;

adding identification data stored in a data memory in said bar-code reader to said bar-code data in said memory, said identification data individually specifying said bar-code reader.

12. (New) The processing method according to claim 11, wherein said bar-code is a micro bar-code a thinnest black bar of which being approximately 100 μ m in width.